GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:421
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PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the States that have transferred the funds, functions and functionaries to Panchayati Raj Institutions as mandated in the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, so far; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the development of powers to the Panchayati Raj Institutions by the remaining States?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.421 due for answer on 17/04/2001

Since the coming into force of the provisions of the Constitution 73rd (Amendment) Act, 1992 with effect from 24th April, 1993, the States/UTs have devolved powers and functions upon Panchayats in varying degrees; States like Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have transferred some of the Departments/Subjects listed in XI Schedule to the Panchayats alongwith funds and functionaries.The Government of Kerala have allocated 40% of the Plan funds to Panchayati Raj Institutions as `untied` funds enabling Panchayats to prepare development plans according to their needs.In Kerala and Punjab, the Gram Panchayats can take up development works upto Rs. one lakh without requiring any external sanction, while in West Bengal no ceiling has been prescribed if the funds belong to the Gram Panchayat itself.

Panchayati Raj being a State subject, the State Legislatures are required to endow the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government. Through discussions and correspondence with the State Chief Ministers and Ministers and the State Secretaries in charge of Panchayati Raj, the Central Government have been urging the States/UTs that entrusting the implementation of a few schemes to Panchayati Raj Institutions is not enough and that more functional and financial powers need to be devolved upon Panchayats, keeping in view the Constitutional mandate in Article 243G and the Subjects listed in Schedule XI.

The details of the State/UT wise transfer of Departments/Subjects (with funds, functions and functionaries)to Panchayats is contained in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF DEVOLUTION OF DEPARTMENTS/SUBJECTS WITH FUNDS, FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTIONARI
PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

Sl.No.	States/UTs	No. of Departments/subjects TRANSFERRED to Panchayats with			No.of Departments/subjects YET TO BE TRANSFERRED to Panchayats with		
		Funds	Func-tions	Functionaries	Funds	Func-tions	Functionaries
1.	Andhra Pradesh	05	13	02	24	16	27
2.	Arunachal Prad	-	-	-	29	29	29

3. Assam - - - 29 29 29

4. Bihar - - - 29 29 29

5. Jharkhand - - - 29 29 29
6. Goa - - - 29 29 29

7 Gujarat - - - 29 29 29

8. Haryana - 16 - 29 13 29

9. Himachal Prad 02 23 07 27 06 22
10. Karnataka 29 29 29 - - -
11. Kerala 15 29 15 14 - 14
12. Madhya Pradesh 10 23 09 19 06 20
13. Chhattisgarh 10 23 09 19 06 20
14. Maharashtra 18 18 18 11 11 11
15. Manipur - 22 04 29 07 25
16. Orissa 05 25 03 24 04 26
17. Punjab - 07 - 29 22 29
18. Rajasthan - 29 - 29 - 29
19. Sikkim 29 29 29 - - -
20. Tamil Nadu - 29 - 29 - 29
21. Tripura - 12 - 29 17 29
22. Uttar Pradesh 12 13 09 17 16 20
23 Uttranchal 12 13 09 17 16 20
24. West Bengal 12 29 12 17 - 17
25. A&N Islands - - - 29 29 29
26. Chandigarh - - - 29 29 29
27. D&N Haveli - 03 03 29 26 26
28. Daman & Diu - 29 - 29 - 29
29. NCT of Delhi Panchayati Raj System is yet to be revived
30. Pondicherry - - - 29 29 29
31. Lakshadweep - 06 - 29 23 29

The provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 are not applicable to the States of J&K, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.